

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A device for processing a watermarked digital recording, comprising:

a verification system for verifying the watermarked digital recording; and

5 an insertion system for inserting a disruption with the watermarked digital recording, said disruption comprising a filler. |

2. (Original) The device of claim 1, wherein the device is a recording device.

3. (Original) The device of claim 1, wherein the verification system partitions the watermarked digital recording into a plurality of sections.

4. (Original) The device of claim 3, wherein the verification system compares a watermark value stored in at least one section with a salient value derived from the entire watermarked digital recording.

5. (Original) The device of claim 4, wherein the salient value is a hash of data contained in each of the plurality of sections.

6. (Cancelled).

7. (Currently Amended) The device of claim ~~6~~1, wherein the filler comprises silence.

8. (Currently Amended) The device of claim ~~6~~1, wherein the filler is contiguously inserted before the watermarked digital recording.

9. (Currently Amended) The device of claim ~~6~~1, wherein the filler is contiguously inserted after the watermarked digital recording.

10. (Original) The device of claim 1, wherein the disruption comprises an amplitude modulation.

11. (Original) The device of claim 10, wherein the amplitude modulation comprises an increasing power level at a beginning of the watermarked digital recording.

12. (Original) The device of claim 10, wherein the amplitude modulation comprises a decaying power level at an ending of the watermarked digital recording.

13. (Original) A system for merging digital recordings,
comprising:

a system for receiving a first digital recording and a
second digital recording; and

5 a system for merging the first digital recording and the
second digital recording into an output, wherein the output
includes a disruption between the first digital recording and the
second digital recording.

14. (Original) The system of claim 13, wherein the first digital
recording and the second digital recording are encrypted such that
concatenating the first digital recording and the second digital
recording will result in an invalid encryption.

15. (Original) The system of claim 14, wherein the system for
merging further includes:

a system for decrypting the first and the second digital
recording;

5 a system concatenating the first and the second digital
recording into an decrypted output;

a system for inserting the disruption into the decrypted
output; and

a system for re-encrypting the decrypted output.

16. (Original) The system of claim 13, further comprising a verification system for verifying watermarks in the first and second digital recordings.

17. (Original) The system of claim 16, wherein the verification system includes a system for aborting the creation of the output if the watermarks are not verified.

18. (Original) The system of claim 13, wherein the disruption comprises a filler.

19. (Original) The system of claim 13, wherein the disruption comprises an amplitude modulation.

20. (Original) A method for merging a first and a second digital recording, comprising the steps of:

verifying the first and the second digital recordings;

merging the first and the second digital recordings; and

5 generating an output, wherein the output include a disruption between the first and the second digital recordings.

21. (Original) The method of claim 20, wherein the verifying step includes comparing a watermark value inserted into at least

one section of the digital recording with a salient value of the entire digital recording.

22. (Original) The method of claim 20, wherein the disruption includes a contiguously inserted filler.

23. (Original) The method of claim 20, wherein the disruption includes an amplitude modulation of at least one of the first and second digital recordings.

24. (Original) The method of claim 20, wherein the first and the second digital recordings are encrypted, and wherein the merging step includes the step of decrypting the first and second digital recordings, concatenating the first and second digital recordings
5 with the disruption, and encrypting the output.